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SUBJECT: SOVIET NOTES TO SWISS REGARDING GDR MEMBERSHIP

IN UPU AND IN ITU

REF: (A) STATE 229354; (B) BONN 15810

AT BONN GROUP MEETINGS NOVEMBER 30 AND DECEMBER 6 MATTER OF ALLIED REPLY TO SOVIET NOTES RE GDR MEMBERSHIP IN UPU AND ITU (BRITISH REP HAS RECEIVED FRAGMENTARY INFORMATION THAT SOVIETS HAVE SENT AN ALMOST IDENTICAL NOTE TO ITU) WAS DISCUSSED AT LENGTH. FRG REP (LUECKING) WELCOMED POSSIBILITY OF ALLIED REPLY, SAYING THAT SUBJECT OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO BONN. FRENCH REP (PAYE) SAID HE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE WITH NECESSITY OF REPLY, WHILE UK REP (CROMARTIE) WAS UNSURE IF REPLY OF CONFIDENTIAL

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ANY KIND WOULD IMPROVE THE ALLIED POSITION. US REP

SAID SOVIET ALLEGATION THAT BERLIN'S ACCESS TO OUTSIDE WORLD MUST BE IN CONFORMITY WITH GDR SOVEREIGN RIGHTS AND INTERESTS MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO STAND AND THAT ALLIED RESPONSE SHOULD NOT BE SEEN AS MERE REPETITION OF EARLIER DISCLAIMER SINCE NEW NOTE WOULD ADDRESS NEW ASSERTION OF SOVIETS.

2. REPS AGREED TO SUBMIT TO CAPITALS THE FOLLOWING TEXT AND REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS. BEGIN TEXT: WITH REFERENCE TO THE NOTE OF THE MFA OF THE USSR OF AUGUST 24, 1973 (UPU DOCUMENT NO. BLANK), THE GOVERNMENT OF BLANK WISHES TO REAFFIRM ITS POSITION THAT COMMUNICATIONS, INCLUDING POSTAL TRAFFIC TO AND FROM THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN, BETWEEN THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN AND ALL NATIONS ARE BASED ONLY ON EXISTING QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENTS, DECISIONS, AND PRACTICES WHICH CAN IN NO WAY BE AFFECTED BY THE EXISTENCE OF THE GDR OR ITS MEMBERSHIP IN ANY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION.

THE GOVERNMENT OF BLANK RECALLS ALSO IN THIS CONNECTION ITS NOTE TO THE UPU OF BLANK (UPU DOCUMENT NO. BLANK), IN WHICH REFERENCE WAS MADE TO THE SPECIAL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE US, THE UK, AND FRANCE RELATING TO POSTAL TRAFFIC TO AND FROM THE WESTERN SECTORS OF BERLIN.

THE GOVERNMENT OF BLANK REQUESTS THAT THIS NOTE BE CIRCULATED AS AN OFFICIAL DOCUMENT OF THE UPU. END TEXT

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON SOVIET NOTE TO ITU WHICH THE DEPARTMENT OR GENEVA MAY HAVE, AND WOULD BE GRATEFUL FOR DEPT'S COMMENTS ON DRAFT. BECAUSE OF CLOSE LINK UPU AND ITU, IF UK REPORT ON SOVIET NOTE TO LATTER IS CORRECT WE WOULD THINK IT A GOOD IDEA TO EITHER COMBINE ALLIED REPLIES OR TO MAKE IDENTICAL ONES.

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